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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 09/557,740 |
| Filing Date | April 25, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Benjamin M. Westbrook |
| Group Art Unit | 2144 |
| Examiner Name | Michael A. Delgado |
| Attorney Docket No. | MFCP.87511 |

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This is a Request for continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 18, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ **Enclosed**
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1039c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other:

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$___ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

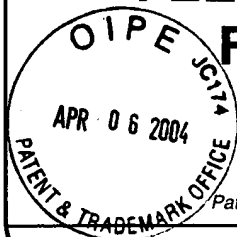
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Name (Print/Type) | Kerry H. Owens | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 37,412 |
| Signature | | Date | 04/10/04 |

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
FOR FY 2004**

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Complete if Known

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT**\$1,720.00****METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- 1.
- ☒
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit
Account
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Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP

- ☒
- Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

- 2.
- ☐
- Payment Enclosed:

- ☐
- Check
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- Money Order
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- Other

FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1)**\$0****2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 20 | - 20** = | x \$18 | = \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 6 | - 3** = | x \$86 |
| Multiple Dependent | | | = \$ |

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|----------|
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claims, if not paid | |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |

SUBTOTAL (2)**\$0**

** or number previously paid, if greater; For reissues, see above.

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | \$950 |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions of the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Statement | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per properties (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | \$770 |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify)

\$1,720

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)**\$1,720.00****SUBMITTED BY**

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